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In re Application of
Paul J. Gilligan et al
Serial No.: 09/990,138
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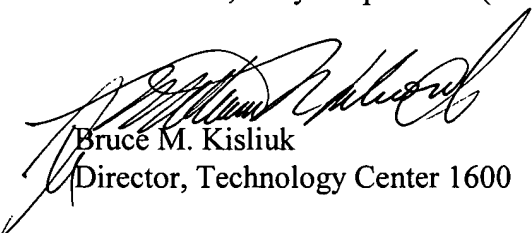
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 26, 2003, requesting revival of the above-identified application based on timely reply to an Office action.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on December 18, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory time period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed to applicant on August 8, 2003. Applicant states that a reply was filed on May 19, 2003, and provides a copy of a reply with a properly executed Certificate of Express Mailing dated May 19, 2003. The original submission has now been located and entered in the file. In view of applicant's timely reply the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn as having been mailed in error and the application is restored to a pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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